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Shays Announces Hearing on Iraq Reconstruction Spending

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, today announced the Subcommittee will hold an oversight hearing to examine the management of Iraq reconstruction spending. The hearing will convene Tuesday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1483 created the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) and required U.S. and Coalition authorities to use DFI funds in a transparent manner to meet the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people. From May 2003 through June 2004, \$17.6 billion in proceeds from Iraqi oil sales and other revenues were used for the economic reconstruction and repair of Iraq's infrastructure, for the continued disarmament of Iraq, for the costs of Iraqi civilian administration and for other purposes benefiting the people of Iraq.

DFI expenditures have come under scrutiny as a result of Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) audits and critical findings issued by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. The hearing will focus on those audit reports and the extent of U.S. compliance with UNSCR 1483.

“As the successor to the Oil-for-Food account,” Shays said, “the DFI held the seed money for an emerging sovereign nation. Questions have been raised about our stewardship of those funds, collected and spent under unprecedented conditions of a ravaged governmental system and a deadly insurgency. We owe it to the Iraqi people to address those questions.”

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